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## PATENT APPLICATION

### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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Appln. No.: 09/955,048

Group Art Unit: 2876

Confirmation No.: 8499

Examiner: Lisa M. CAPUTO

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For: OPTIONAL PART FOR APPARATUS, APPARATUS HAVING OPTIONAL PART, ACCESS DEVICE, METHOD FOR DISTRIBUTING OPTIONAL PART AND INK CARTRIDGE

### RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

#### MAIL STOP NON-FEE AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Careful consideration has been given to the Official Action dated October 4, 2005 and particularly to the election/restriction requirements therein.

Pursuant thereto, applicant elects without traverse the invention designated by Invention I inclusive of claims 1-13.

Applicant reserves the right to file a Divisional Application directed to non-elected Invention II. It is respectfully requested that examination of the above application proceed on the basis of the election which has been made.

Respectfully submitted,

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